

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (canceled).

Claim 2. (currently amended): The ultrasonic cleaner of claim [[1]] 5 further comprising an airflow unit for directing air towards the fixture assembly.

Claim 3. (currently amended): The ultrasonic cleaner of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the tub further comprises at least one pair of flanges disposed on at least two ends of the tub sides, wherein the flanges contact a portion of a support frame to support the tub.

Claim 4. (cancelled)

Claim 5. (currently amended): An ultrasonic cleaner comprising:  
a tub having a bottom and an open top for containing a liquid for cleaning;  
an ultrasound unit, wherein the ultrasound unit engages the bottom of the tub;  
a water unit for providing cleaning liquid and a rinse liquid to the tub; and

a fixture assembly for holding items to be cleaned,

wherein the fixture assembly is disposed within the tub, wherein the fixture  
assembly comprises

a first end disk having a perimeter and a center axis and

a second end disk having a perimeter and a center axis, and wherein the first  
end disk and the second end disk are spaced apart by a shaft and

~~The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 4,~~

wherein the first and second end disks comprise a plurality of slots spaced along  
their respective perimeters.

Claim 6. (original): The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 5, wherein the slots on the  
second end disk have closed sides to form closed slots.

Claim 7. (original): The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 6, wherein the slots on the  
first end disk comprise an open side to form open slots.

Claim 8. (original): The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 5, wherein the first and  
second end disks respectively comprised a pattern of alternating closed and open  
slots.

Claim 9. (original): The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 8, wherein the closed slots

2           on the first end disk align with open slots on the second end disk when the  
          fixture assembly is configured to receive the items to be cleaned.

Claim 10.     (original):     The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 5, wherein at least one of  
2           the slots comprises a hook element.

Claim 11.     (original):     The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 10, wherein the hook  
2           element is disposed at an angle relative to the slot, and wherein the angle is  
          towards the interior of the slot.

Claim 12.     (original):     The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 5, wherein the slots are  
2           disposed on at least one of the first or second disks at an angle relative to the  
          respective center axis of the first or second end disk.

Claim 13.     (currently amended):     The ultrasonic cleaner of claim [[1]] 5, wherein  
2           the items to be cleaned are slats used in slat counting devices for packaging a  
          quantity of product into a container.

Claim 14.     (cancelled)

Claim 15.     (currently amended):     An ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning slats used in a

2           slat counting device comprising:

a tub having a bottom and a top for containing a liquid for cleaning,

4           an ultrasonic unit, wherein the ultrasonic unit engages the tub;

a rinse water unit for providing cleaning liquid and a rinse liquid to the tub; and

6           a fixture assembly for holding a plurality slats to be cleaned, wherein the fixture

assembly is disposed within the tub, and wherein the fixture assembly

8           comprises

a first end disk having a perimeter and a center axis and

10          a second end disk having a perimeter and a second axis, and

wherein the first and second end disks are spaced apart by a shaft and

12          ~~The ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning slats as claimed in claim 14,~~ wherein the

          first end disk and the second end disk comprise a plurality of slots along

14          their respective perimeters.

Claim 16.     (currently amended):   An ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning slats used in a

2           slat counting device comprising:

a tub having a bottom and a top for containing a liquid for cleaning;

4           an ultrasonic unit, wherein the ultrasonic unit engages the tub;

a rinse water unit for providing cleaning liquid and a rinse liquid to the tub; and

6           a fixture assembly for holding a plurality slats to be cleaned, wherein the fixture

assembly is disposed within the tub, and wherein the fixture assembly

8                   comprises

a first end disk having a perimeter and a center axis and

10                   a second end disk having a perimeter and a second axis, and

wherein the first and second end disks are spaced apart by a shaft and

12                   ~~The ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning slats as claimed in claim 14,~~

                  wherein the first end disk comprises at least one slot having closed ends to form

14                   a closed slot and wherein the second end disk comprises at least one slot

                  comprising an open end to form open slots.

Claim 17.       (original):     The ultrasonic cleaner of claim 16, wherein the open slots  
2                   further comprise a hook element and wherein a first end of the slat is seated into  
                  the closed slot on the first end disk and a second end of the slat is seated into the  
4                   open slot and secured by the hook element.

Claim 18.       (currently amended):     The ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning slats as  
2                   claimed in claim [[14]] 15, wherein the first end disk and the second end disk  
                  have a first locked position and a second locked position and wherein the first  
4                   and second end disk move slidingly along the shaft in the second position to  
                  adjust the fixture assembly to accommodate slats of different lengths.

Claims 19-25       (cancelled)